Eligibility for LSTA

To be eligible to apply for LSTA funds, each applicant library and participant library must certify to the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records (NSLAPR) that it meets all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Is supported by public revenues (51% or more) or is a non-profit institution or agency;
- Makes the collection accessible to its primary clientele organized according to a nationally accepted classification system;
- Participates in resource sharing through the Information Nevada program;
- Serves its primary clientele free of charge;
- Has a fixed location with regular, published hours of operation;
- Has one or more paid library staff;
- Has an annual budget with funds reserved for library materials and services;
- Has a current, written long range or strategic plan that is available for review.

The applicant or participating library must also meet the following requirements:

- **Public Libraries:** Must meet the Minimum Standards for Public Libraries;
- **School Libraries:** The school district employs at least one certified library/media specialist;
- **Academic Libraries:** Be accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- **Library Consortia:**
  - Be a Nevada local, regional, or statewide cooperative of library entities which provides for the systematic and effective coordination of resources of school, public, academic, and/or special libraries and information centers, for improved services for the clientele of such library entities [20 U.S.C. 9122(2)]; and
  - Have a formal organized structure that includes governance, membership, long range planning and regular funding components.
- **Non-profit library related organization:**
  - Be a non-profit entity registered with the Nevada Secretary of State; and
  - Have tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Section 501(C)3

These criteria were approved by the Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy in May 2008.